

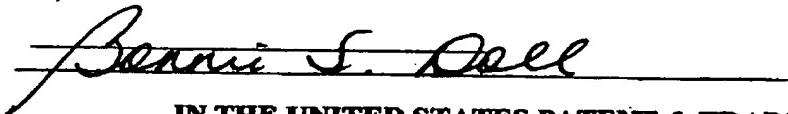
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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Reto Cramer et al : Paper No.:
Serial No.: 10/612,358 : Group Art Unit: 1644
Filed: July 2, 2003 : Examiner: Szperka, Michael Edward
For: Methods for Diagnosis of Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

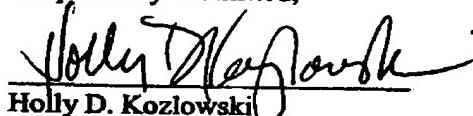
In the Official Action dated June 28, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 17-19 drawn to in vitro methods of diagnosing ABPA in humans, and claims 20-23 drawn to in vivo methods of diagnosing ABPA in humans. The Examiner recognizes that claims 14-16 link these two sets of claims, and the restriction requirement is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claims 14-16. Accordingly, upon the indication of allowability of the linking claims, the restriction requirement shall be withdrawn.

Applicants hereby elect claims 17-19. This election is made with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine all of claims 17-23 in this application, regardless of the allowability of claims 14-16. It is believed that this represents a complete response to the election of invention requirement.

The Examiner also asserted that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of recombinant allergen or combinations of allergens to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants elect the allergen rAsp f4. It is believed that all of claims 14-23 read on this elected species.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action, and examination of claims 14-23 on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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